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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS; REQUEST FOR ASYLUM

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS INQUIRIES CONCERNING ASYLUM OR IMMIGRATION STATUS FOR VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL IN THIRD COUNTRIES. WHILE CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED FOR A LIMITED PAROLE OF VIETNAMESE CITIZENS, THAT PAROLE DOES NOT INCLUDE SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION FOR VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS IN THIRD COUNTRIES. CONGRESS HAS ALSO EXPRESSLY STATED THAT RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE MUST BE INTERNATIONALIZED TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WHILE WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER SOME REQUESTS FOR PAROLE IN INDIVIDUAL CASES, PAROLE WILL BE GRANTED ONLY IN CASES WHERE IT IS CLEAR THAT NO OTHER REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE EXISTS.

3. VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL WHO INQUIRE ABOUT ASYLUM SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO SEEK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE ASSISTANCE OF THE UNHCR, ICRC, ICEM, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY WITH LOCAL REPRESENTATION.

4. SOME ADDRESSEES HAVE INDICATED THAT VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL HAVE INDICATED A DESIRE FOR RESETTLEMENT IN FRANCE, ENGLAND, AUSTRALIA, OR CANADA RATHER THAN U.S. IT WOULD, THEREFORE, BE HELPFUL IF

EMBASSIES PARIS, LONDON, CANBERRA, AND OTTAWA COULD
PROVIDE ADDRESSEES WITH EVALUATION OF ATTITUDES OF
THOSE GOVERNMENTS TOWARD ASYLUM/IMMIGRATION OF VIETNAMESE
EMBASSY PERSONNEL STATIONED ELSEWHERE.

5. IN ANY APPROACH BY A GVN DIPLOMAT ALL NORMAL CHANNELS
OF IMMIGRATION SHOULD BE EXPLORED FIRST. IN MANY CASES
THE INDIVIDUALS DO HAVE AMCIT OR PERMANENT RESIDENT
ALIEN RELATIVES THROUGH WHOM THEY CAN QUALIFY FOR
IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR MAY HAVE LEADS ON EMPLOYMENT
WHICH THEY CAN DEVELOP TO QUALIFY FOR STATUS.

6. IF ALL OTHER MEANS OF ASSISTANCE ARE EXHAUSTED,

WE WILL CONSIDER PAROLE IN INDIVIDUAL CASES. CABLE
REQUESTING SUCH ASSISTANCE SHOULD LIST ALL FAMILY
MEMBERS, SPECIFY ATTEMPTS MADE TO OBTAIN INTERNATIONAL
ASSISTANCE, AND PROVIDE BRIEF BIOGRAPHIC RESUME. KISSINGER

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